



**Request
For
Continued Examination (RCE)
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Examiner Name	David A. Rogers
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Art Unit	2856
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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

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ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other IDS Fee of \$180.00 enclosed.

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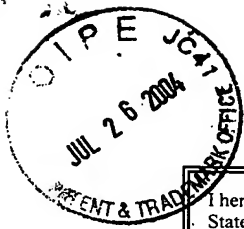
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed July 1, 2004, please see Remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.